

AL-V-A-270

ca.1918

Union Mining Company House  
Morantown  
Private

The Union Mining Company House is located east of Route 36 in Morantown. The rectangular one story building is four bays wide and one deep. It rests on a high stone foundation.

The Union Mining Company House was built by John Spatiro circa 1918. The house was built with material salvaged from several similar buildings built to house miners at the Union Mining Company's #2, or "Keeley" Mine.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Union Mining Company House

AND/OR COMMON

Union Mining Company House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 36

CITY, TOWN

Morantown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Louis Spatiro

Telephone #: (301) 689-9749

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 2, Box 215A

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD

21532

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 126

Folio #: 481

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR  
☒ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Union Mining Company House is located west of Route 36 in Morantown. The rectangular building is four bays wide and one story tall. The facade faces northwest. Wall construction is frame with board and batten siding which is partially covered with insul brick tar paper. The building rests on a high stone rubble foundation. The gabled roof is covered with tar paper.

An offset porch on the facade has a shed hood supported by simple brackets. A variety of windows includes six over one and two over two light pegged sashes. An offset entrance on the facade includes a door of two panels and two lights. An offset entrance on the southeastern elevation includes a four panel door.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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| PERIOD                                    | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC      | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499        | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599        | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The village of Morantown was built up early in the twentieth century around the Union Mining Company's Union #2 mine which was popularly known as the "Keeley Mine." (Johnson Interview) A large part of the village's population was composed of Italian immigrants who arrived in the George's Creek mining region shortly after the turn of the century. (Carney Interview) They were housed in "shanties" constructed by the Union Mining Company. When the Keeley Mine closed in 1922 most of the Italian miners moved to Eckhart (Johnson and Carney interviews)

The Union Mining Company House was built by Mr. John Spatiro around 1918. Although the house retains the basic configuration of the company houses, it was constructed of material salvaged from several company houses. (Johnson November Interview)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Interview with Mrs. Alice Carney, Mount Savage, 4/2/81.

Interviews with Mr. Newt Johnson, Morantown, 10/27/80 and 11/6/80.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

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STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

March 1981

TELEPHONE

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STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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NE elev.





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SW elev.